

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are all of the claims pending in the present application. In summary, the Examiner maintains the same rejections of the pending claims as set forth in the previous Office Action, however the Examiner adds a few new arguments in the *Response to Arguments* section of the Office Action. Specifically, claims 1-6 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Lee (U.S. Patent No. 5,574,720).

With respect to independent claim 1, Applicants maintain the previous argument that Lee does not disclose or suggest at least, “a mixer (M) adapted to detect the empty information cells and replace them with waiting cells,” as recited in claim 1. That is, Applicants maintain that nowhere does Lee disclose detecting empty information cells and replacing them with waiting cells. There is no mention in Lee of at least the replacing operation.

Applicants maintain the previous argument that independent claim 4 is patentable at least based on reasons similar to those set forth above with respect to claim 1. Applicants submit that dependent claims 2, 3, 5, and 6 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies from independent claims 1 and 4.

Further, with respect to claims 2 and 5, Applicants respectfully point out that the Examiner previously indicated that claims 2 and 5 contain allowable subject matter during an Examiner initiated phone call on September 26, 2006. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner again indicate that these claims contain allowable subject matter.

Also, Applicants previously argued, in part, that there is no disclosure or suggestion of the specific temporal aspects of claims 2 and 5 where an information cell stored in mass memory is deleted when it has been sent by said transmitter to said receiver. The Examiner does not add

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any new arguments to the arguments previously presented. Accordingly, Applicants maintain the previous arguments with respect to claims 2 and 5.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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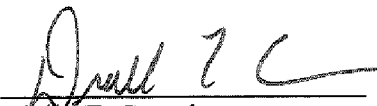
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